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HERRING IN THE GULF.**Reported Schooling Just Outside Bay of Islands.****Fishermen Do Not Know Exactly Just What Bond Means.**

A letter to the Times from one of the skippers now at Bay of Islands, N. F., states that Capt. Bonia and Capt. Peoples, who came overland, were the first of the American contingent to reach there. The United States steamer Gresham arrived September 23 and reported that they had a fine passage around the island by way of the Straits of Belle Isle, stopping in at Forteau Harbor on the Labrador coast one day because of fog.

Those on the Gresham said that the shore fishermen in that latter region had done exceptionally well this season, but that from Battle Harbor, northward, the cod fishery had been almost a failure and that several of the Newfoundland vessels were returning home with empty holds. As a whole the fishermen on the Labrador coast had done poorly.

There appears to be some doubt at Bay of Islands, N. F., as to just what the recent decision of Premier Bond regarding the countenancing of the sale of herring to the highest bidder amounts to. Some of them do not appear to know whether his decision allows them to ship on American vessels inside the three mile limit or not, and the question has now been put direct to Premier Bond as to this phase of the question, but as yet no answer has been received.

Whatever happens, the Bay of Islands fishermen are terribly short of nets, and it is doubtful if they can order any and get them in time for the season's fishing. The cost of nets is very much higher than last year and the merchants at Bay of Islands, not expecting this sudden turn of affairs on the part of Bond, are caught with not any where near enough to supply the fishers, as has been previously stated.

The weather is very changeable, rain and sunshine, half a gale of wind and flat calm, all within an hour or so. A few mornings ago, the air was full of snow and a little later some of it fell, making the first snow storm of the season. Herring are reported in the gulf, just outside the bay, and there is apparently a goodly body of them. They appeared about the same time that they did last year.

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HAVING BAD WEATHER.**North Bay Mackerel Fleet Has Done Nothing of Late.****Sch. Lena and Maud Had Big Splinter on Her Shoe.**

A letter to the Times from the captain of one of the vessels of the North Bay seining fleet states that the fleet is not doing much. It has been blowing half a gale with them now for more than a week, so that none of them could do anything setting around the vessel. The fleet has been in harbor most of the time, of late, simply because of the weather.

What the vessels had up to a week ago will not glut the market. Schs. Parthia and Hattie M. Graham had 60 barrels each, sch. Priscilla Smith, 35 barrels, sch. Diana, 40 barrels, and schs. Patricia, Corsair and Lena and Maud a few barrels each. Since September 27, there had been but two half days when a vessel could fish.

Sch. Lena and Maud, in setting around, caught her seine and the craft went to Port Hawkesbury, C. B., and went on the railways and found that a piece of her shoe was split, leaving a big long splinter on which the seine had caught. The craft came off the railways last Friday and was soon back with the fleet again.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Market price large western cod to split, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.
Large eastern cod, \$2.25, medium do., \$1.50.

Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.

Market price, salt bank cod, \$3.75 per cwt. for large and \$3 for medium.

Market price salt Rips cod, \$4.12 1-2 cwt. for large, \$3.12 1-2 medium, \$2.50 for snappers.

Fresh round pollock, 85c per cwt.

Large fresh mackerel, 30 cts. each.

Fresh medium mackerel 20 cts. each.

Dressed fresh pollock, 60 cts. per cwt.

Salt mackerel, \$23 per bbl. for large, \$19 and \$20 per bbl. for mediums, and \$15 for small.

Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. per lb. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Mettacommet, 13,000 pollock.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 12,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Ella M. Doughty, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod, 30,000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 45,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Priscilla, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Azorean, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 5000 cod, 45,000 hake, 12,000 cusk.

Sch. Onato, 18,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Raymah, 14,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 23,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 15,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 6000 haddock, 7000 cod, 19,000 hake.

Sch. Dorothy, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Appomattox, 20,000 cod.

Haddock, \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt., large cod, \$6.50 to \$7; market cod, \$3.50; hake, \$2 to \$3.75; cusk, \$2.50 to \$3.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

At Portland yesterday were schs. Hope, 18,000 pounds of fresh fish, Angie B. Watson, 26,000 pounds and Eva and Mildred, 31,000 pounds.

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PIECE OF COERCION.**So Archbishop Howley Calls Act of Imperial Cabinet.****Says Outrageous Attempt To Deprive Colony of Rights.**

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., says: "Most Rev. Michael Howley, D. D., Roman Catholic archbishop of Newfoundland, in an address at a church festival at Portugal Cove on Sunday condemned the recent rescript issued by the British cabinet suspending the Newfoundland laws governing the herring fisheries.

"The archbishop declared that the act of the imperial cabinet was 'a monstrous piece of coercion,' adding that regardless of the justice or injustice of the fisheries policy of the Bond government, all citizens should join him in protest against 'an outrageous attempt to deprive the colony of its constitutional rights.'

"Dr. Howley deplored the public apathy regarding the matter, which seemed to exist. He feared, he said, that the old time spirit of patriotism was dead."

The archbishop has on occasions previous spoken very openly his views in regard to the stand of the Bond government in the fisheries difficulty, so his expression at this time and the nature of the same is in no way surprising.

The archbishop, by the way, is understood to be a brother of Mr. Howley, the able St. John's lawyer, who has throughout the whole affair taken the side and espoused the cause of the West coast fishermen against Bond and his edicts, and last season, visited this city, representing them, with the commission which came here to take evidence in the cases of the two fishermen from Bay of Islands, who were arrested for shipping on sch. Ralph L. Hall, on which a test case was made.

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LOUISBURG LETTER.**Local Men Looking Into Proposed Fish Plant There.****Sch. Maggie and May There Reports Having Gale Heavy.**

Our Louisburg, C. B., correspondent, under date of October 5, writes that Mr. P. M. Longan of the J. H. Tarr corporation has been in town a few days and left for Newfoundland the day before on a business trip. He is interested, says the correspondent, in the formation of the new company that is about to start a fishing business at Louisburg. A gentleman, who has two or three 30 ton fishing schooners is the chief mover in the enterprise and has succeeded in getting the assurance of a Mr. Davis, a wealthy man, of Cleveland, Ohio, that he will put money into the plan if things are satisfactory. The company, through its solicitors, asked the town for a bonus of \$20,000.

The taxpayers of the town, at a public meeting held recently, agreed to grant a bonus on the following conditions: when the company has erected wharves, stores, etc., and has ten vessels equipped for fishing, said vessels not to cost less than \$3000 each, the town will pay a bonus of \$750 per vessel and continue the same until the company has a fleet of 20 vessels, making a total bonus of \$15,000. It is intended to have the capital stock \$250,000.

Mr. Longan has reported favorably on the plan and it is likely that operations will be begun in the near future. The company will be largely backed by American capital and a big fishing industry for Louisburg may result from the company's operations.

Vessels arriving in port these days report very heavy weather on the Atlantic since Monday. Sch. Maggie and May, Capt. Alexander McEachern, of Gloucester, arrived last Thursday from the fishing grounds with 125,000 lbs. of fish. This is the second trip of the Maggie and May, she having landed a full fare at Gloucester some time ago. The Maggie and May experienced Monday's storm in all its severity, and had some of her dories damaged and some butts carried away.

Sch. Valkyrie was in here last Thursday and sailed for Bay of Islands, N. F., the next morning. Sch. Hattie A. Heckman was in port when the letter was written and had been there for a few days.

The present week has been very stormy, with northeast winds and rain from Sunday to Friday. The fishing season is nearly at a close and it has been the best for some years.

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Porto Rico Fish Market.

S. Ramirez & Co., San Juan, Porto Rico, writes: "Low offers from the centers of production have caused further depression in our local markets. Stocks are not large, however, and we anticipate a lively trade in codfish within a few weeks when the new coffee crop just started will be in full swing. Demand now is very poor and dealers do not buy except for immediate requirements. We quote 'net ex wharf': Medium codfish, \$6.75 to 7 per 100 lbs.; pollock and haddock, \$5 to \$5.25 do. do.; hake, \$3.75 do. do.; split herring, \$5 per bbl.; smoked herring 11c per box (lengthwise)."

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Big Lobster.

Undoubtedly the largest lobster that has been landed at least for five years has been received by G. A. Wyer & Co., of Portland. It was caught at Jonesport in 10 fathoms of water by Robert Alley and weighs 10 1-2 pounds. It was a perfect specimen and has been sold to Boston parties who are to exhibit it. It was brought here by Capt. John E. Beal in the sch. Katie L. Palmer.

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Getting Lots of Herring.

The herring boats and torchers are now getting lots of herring. This morning they had fully 550 barrels at this port.

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LONDON TIMES MAN

Went to Newfoundland and Stud-
ied Fisheries Difficulty.

The Newfoundland fishery troubles are attracting so much interest in England at the present time that the London Times, one of the leading papers of the world, sent Robert F. Porter, its Washington correspondent, to that island to look into and study the situation. He has recently returned to this country.

He obtained a statement on the question from Sir Robert Bond and forwarded it to the Times. Mr. Porter told of the impression he had received while in Newfoundland.

The people of "the First Colony," he said, "seem to be very weary of the whole dispute. No good has accrued to them from the various regulation imposed by the island government and little harm has been done by the so-called Gloucester fishermen, many of whom are Newfoundlanders."

In Mr. Porter's opinion the whole matter has been unnecessarily complicated by becoming a feature of Newfoundland politics. Had that not been the case Great Britain and the United States could have come to an agreement long ago.

As matters stand, the dispute will go before the Hague tribunal with England and her colonies taking different views of the question, a fact which will not be advantageous to either of them. The entire dispute hinges on the definition of the phrase, "fishing rights in common," which means either a right to fish within the three-mile limit or not.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Georgianna, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Monitor, Banks, dory handling, via Provincetown, 160,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Blanche, Banks, 270,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Steamer Anna Laura, shore, 120 bbls. fresh herring.
- Small boats and torchers, shore, 430 bbls. fresh herring.
- Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston.
- Sch. Pauline, via Boston.

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---FINE STOCK---

Sch. S. P. Willard Gets Over \$11,000 on Flitched Halibut.

Sch. S. P. Willard Capt. Augustus Peterson weighed off 84,000 pounds of flitched halibut and 100,000 pounds of salt cod as a result of her recent flitched halibut trip to Bacalieu bank, making the fine stock of \$11,115.04, the crew sharing \$269.24 each.

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Boston.

- Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 10,000 hake.
- Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.
- Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 6000 cod.
- Sch. Marsala, 10,000 pollock.
- Sch. Rebecca, 17,000 cod.
- Sch. Eva Avina, 5000 pollock.
- Sch. Nokomis, 9000 pollock.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 2000 haddock, 5000 cod.
- Sch. Pontiac, 12,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4000 hake.
- Sch. James R. Clark, 18,000 pollock.
- Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2500 hake.
- Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 3000 haddock, 18,000 cod.
- Sch. James and Esther, 12,000 pollock.
- Sch. Olivia Sears, 5000 pollock.
- Sch. Valentina, 10,000 pollock.
- Sch. Thalia, 13,000 cod.
- Sch. Grace Otis, 15,000 cod.
- Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 9000 pollock.
- Sch. Seacomet, 2000 haddock, 1500 cod, 12,000 hake.
- Sch. Hurricane, 100 bbls. fresh herring.
- Sch. Marion, 6000 pollock.
- Haddock, \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt., large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.65 to \$3; pollock, \$1.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Sceptre was at Canso, N. S., Monday and sch. Niagara sailed from there the same day.

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WILL NOT APPEAL.

Newfoundland Shipping Case Will Not Go to Privy Council.

The supreme court of Newfoundland yesterday refused to allow the west coast fishermen to appeal to the privy council of Great Britain in the herring fishery cases. The court held that as no amount of money or any technical question of law was involved, it could not sanction an appeal.

The appellants had, however, the right to appeal to the privy council direct, but owing to the recent development in the fishery dispute, whereby Americans are allowed to purchase fish from native fishermen, the appellants decided not to appeal further and withdrew \$1500 from the court, deposited as security to meet the cost of carrying the litigation to England.

The appeal referred to was that of two Bay of Islands fishermen who were arrested and fined last year on a charge of violating the Newfoundland laws. The men were hired by the captain of sch. Ralph L. Hall, of this port. The fishermen made a test case of the arrests and appealed from the decision of the lower court. The supreme court decided against them and preparations had been made for carrying the case to the privy council at London, the court of last resort in the British empire.

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BIG STOCKS.

Two of the Market Boats Profit Well by High Prices.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, Capt. Silva, stocked \$2000 as the result of her recent fine haddock trip at Boston yesterday, the crew sharing \$85 each.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria stocked \$2100 on her fine fare at Boston yesterday.

Both vessels belong to the market fishing fleet. They had good fares, but the extra fine prices prevailing gave each of them a much larger stock than would usually be the case on the average market.

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MADE FINE STOCK.

Sch. Massachusetts Got Over \$12,000 on Flitched Halibut Trip.

Sch. Massachusetts, Capt. John J. Carroll, weighed off 113,000 pounds of flitched halibut and 59,000 pounds of salt cod as the result of her recent flitched halibut trip, making the splendid stock of \$12,112, the crew of 20 men each sharing \$280.

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Bank Cod Sale.

The fare of salt bank dory headline cod of sch. Monitor of Provincetown sold to Cunningham & Thompson.

HERRING POT IS BOILING.

Premier Bond Trying To Force Shrewd Move.

LODGE AND GARDNER TALK.

General Impression That Americans Will Not Buy Herring.

The exclusive news in the Times of yesterday that the Newfoundland herring fisheries question had suddenly become of a very serious nature, and at a time when it was supposed that all was to be smooth sailing, came as a surprise to most of the people here, as well to government people.

With the proclamation of the *modus vivendi* and the recent imperial rescript, it looked as though there was little chance for any difficulty in the way of an uneventful pursuit of the Newfoundland herring fishery this winter, but the reply of Premier Bond to the Board of Trade message showed plainly that Premier Bond was still determined to stir up trouble and had already quietly laid his plans to make this season one of the "worst ever" for the Americans.

The sending of the telegram brought to light just what Premier Bond was up to and what he had been quietly nursing for some time, waiting for a chance to spring and hoping that it would not be discovered before he had an opportunity to get to work. The telegram, however, called for a reply, and although the reply was three days in coming, it told the whole story in a very few words when it did come.

The amount of the whole situation is that Premier Bond says he will allow the native fishermen to sell their herring to the highest bidder and that he will not permit Newfoundland fishermen to ship on American vessels; all this despite the *modus vivendi*, which provides that we can ship the Newfoundlanders.

The premier is simply trying to force the Americans to buy their herring of the natives and thus make them dutiable goods on their arrival here. He is trying to make the Americans forego their right of shipping men under the *modus vivendi* and come to his way, or the way he wants the industry conducted, that of buying the herring from the native fishermen. He wants us not only to give up our vested rights, but our rights under the *modus vivendi* and the imperial rescript and do just as he desires, hoping to make capital of the matter thereby, when The Hague tribunal meets. He is playing a bold game, in which from present appearances he will be a loser. It is the old Bond tactics over and over; simply a case of making all the trouble possible, irrespective of right or wrong, or where or whom his act affects.

Yesterday afternoon, a committee from the Board of Trade, comprising Messrs. Benjamin A. Smith, Frank C. Pearce, Fred L. Davis and Capt. Carl C. Young, called on Congressman Gardner at his home in Hamilton and talked the matter over at length. As a result of the conference, the whole situation as it was understood was brought to the notice of the state department at Washington.

The committee had no statement to make on its return, but Congressman Gardner gave out the following interview: ---

"I very much doubt if the edict of Premier Bond can prevent the American fishing fleet from shipping whomever they choose outside the three-mile limit, inasmuch as articles two and three of the new *modus vivendi* with Great Britain specially provides that this may be done. Moreover, Great Britain on September 9, 1907, issued an order in council providing for the carrying out of the provisions of the *modus vivendi*. This, of course, Great Britain is authorized to do in dealing with the international affairs of her colonies.

"So far as Premier Bond's offer with regard to the purchase of herring in open market is concerned, that is no offer at all. Friendly nations always accord each other the privilege of freely purchasing foodstuff in open market. It is to be remembered by the way, that the present dispute is with regard to herring to be used for food and not for bait.